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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACKET-BASED
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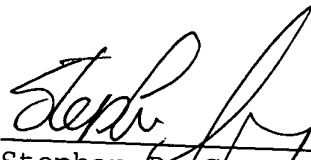
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It is respectfully requested that the foregoing
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Respectfully submitted,

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